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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
CELINE ESCOFFIER, ET AL. : EXAMINER: FERNANDEZ, S. E.  
SERIAL NO: 10/555,099 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 2, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR :  
COUPLING/UNCOUPLING A TARGET  
OR AN OBJECT PRESENT IN A SAMPLE

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 11, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a device.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claims 14-23, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.